

ALPINE PLANNING BOARD

Alpine Borough Hall
100 Church Street
Alpine, New Jersey 07620

MINUTES

September 18, 2012

CALL TO ORDER/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: The Planning Board, Borough of Alpine, convened in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. Chairperson Catherine Parilla read the announcement in accordance with the requirements of the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, the notice of this regular meeting held Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. has met the requirements of the law by publication in The Record and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby in the Borough Hall and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Catherine Parilla Catherine McGuire Paul Tomasko	David Andrews Gayle Gerstein William Robinson
Members Absent:	Lorraine Mattes Ralph Mattes Jeff Fromm	David Kupferschmid, Alt. I Martin Cybul, Alt. II
Staff Present:	John Phillips, Board Attorney Gary Vander Veer, Borough Engineer Marilyn Hayward, Recording Secretary	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2012 REGULAR MEETING: A motion was made by Mayor Tomasko and seconded by Catherine McGuire. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2012 EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Gayle Gerstein and seconded by Mayor Tomasko. All were in favor.

OPEN TO PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS): There were no members of the public in attendance.

Soil Moving Permit Application: Kwon, David & Mindy; Block 22 Lot 20, 48 Rio Vista Dr.: Attorney Phillips announced that the applicant's attorney had noticed for the August meeting. Since that meeting was cancelled, he was required to re-notice for this month's meeting. Notices were mailed to the 200 ft. property owner list, but the notice was not re-published. Therefore, the matter will be scheduled to be heard at the October 23rd meeting provided that notice requirements are complied with.

Completeness Review: Alpine Three, L.L.C., Block 43 Lots 6.01, 6.02, 6.03: At the request of the applicant's attorney, the completeness review has been postponed to the next regular meeting on October 23, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A copy of a notice submitted to the DEP for a letter of interpretation and general permit authorization regarding Block 90 Lot 6, Route 9W & Ruckman Road was distributed to the Board. The request is for a development plan which would require the disturbance of two wetland areas, one of which is within the 200 ft. buffer zone. There is no indication of the 200 ft. buffer zone restriction on the plans.

A motion was made by Gayle Gerstein and seconded by David Andrews to notify the DEP that the Borough has an ordinance that requires the 200 ft. buffer zone to be left in its natural state, and consideration should be given to developing this property without filling in wetlands unnecessarily and infringing on the borough’s buffer zone.

BILLS:

Sills Cummis	\$ 200.00	July Appearance
Sills Cummis	\$ 60.00	Fazeli residence (escrow)
Azzolina & Feury	\$1,126.50	Alpine Three (escrow)

A motion to approve the above referenced bills was made by Mayor Tomasko and seconded by Gayle Gerstein. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Northern Valley Mayors & Planners Assoc.: The Mayor reported that he and several other Northern Valley Mayors recently attended a meeting with officials of New Jersey Transit to discuss the status of the light rail project. A referendum by Tenafly voters turned down the light rail by a margin of 2 to 1. The draft environmental impact statement is still being responded to. The project as proposed is still up in the air. Some mayors expressed interest in having the line extended as far north as the Tappan Zee Bridge. The officials stated that they would bring the Mayor’s interests to the attention of the board; however, they acknowledged that money is an issue.

Board of Health: A routine meeting was held last Tuesday. A representative from the County Health Dept. attended and spoke about various programs that are available to assist the municipalities, if necessary. She mentioned that there have been cases of West Nile Virus in the county, and advised that precautions be taken to avoid contact with mosquitoes.

Environmental Commission: Inspections are scheduled for next Thursday.

Building Department: The reports were distributed. There were no comments.

NJ Transit Update: No further discussion.

COAH Update: The Mayor reported that the Governor’s attempt to seize the towns’ COAH Trust Fund balances was stopped, as the appellate court ruled that only the COAH board had the power to seize these funds; not the administrative staff.

With reference to the Alpine Three matter, the Mayor distributed copies of a letter dated January 30, 2012 from Borough Engineer Gary Vander Veer to the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Law regarding the application’s requirements for stormwater management compliance.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the regular Planning Board meeting was made by Gayle Gerstein and seconded by William Robinson. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Hayward
Recording Secretary